

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13-16 were rejected as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 by Nordqvist (International Publication No. WO 01/76321 A1). The drawings were objected to
5 as failing to show "the device to adapt a hearing aid" of claims 9-14 and "the hearing device" of claims 15 and 16.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Applicants have added the attached new drawing sheet showing these
10 features in new Figures 4, 5—support for these drawings can be found at the following paragraphs in the originally filed Specification: [0001], [0007], [0013], [0015], [0028], [0031] and [0041-43]. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The Examiner indicated that claims 4 and 12, directed to an eigenvector
15 analysis, were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were otherwise allowable.

In response, the applicant has added the limitations of claim 4 into all independent method claims, and the limitations of claim 12 into all independent apparatus claims. As a result, all amended claims are now deemed to contain
20 allowable subject matter, and the Applicants respectfully request that the rejections to the claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Inasmuch as each of the objections and rejections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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